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**SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified



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patent application. No admission is made that the cited art represents prior art or that the cited art is the most material art.

The Examiner is urged to consider the cited references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, and to make an independent decision with respect to the materiality. Since this is a continuation-in-part application based upon Serial No. 09/781,868, no copies of the cited references are enclosed. Each of the references cited herein was cited by the Examiner in a recent Office Action in the parent case (serial no. 09/781,868). References A.L. and A.M. are each non-English language documents. However, English language abstracts were provided by the USPTO in the parent case and since these references were identified by the USPTO, their relevance is readily appreciated by the USPTO.

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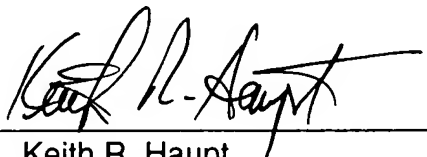
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It is submitted that the fee of 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is not required. However, it is requested that any fee which might be deemed required for consideration of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be charged to our deposit

account, No. 23-3000 (a duplicate of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for this purpose).

Respectfully submitted,

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